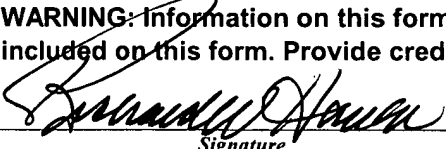
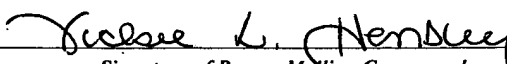


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Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A HEARING AID COUPLING SYSTEM					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u> Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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